Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

With reference to the above answer that the members' attention is drawn to the replies given at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, will the Government be pleased to state whether the said replies have been published?

Dewan.—

Yes. [They will also be printed in the proceedings of this Assembly.]

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

We do not know what answers were given then and it will be a great convenience if they are supplied now to enable us to ask supplementary questions.

Dewan.—

We will give you the information and you can ask supplementary questions on its receipt. However Government are not prepared to give any more information than that already furnished at the Legislative Council.

MR. BASETTIAPPA (Channagiri Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the irrigable extent of land under the Sulekere Tank in the Channagiri Taluk?

(*b*) Whether the capacity of the tank is sufficient to irrigate the above extent, and if not, whether it is under consideration to increase the capacity?

(*c*) What is the annual income from the acreage contribution under the tank?

(*d*) What is the amount spent till now on the repairs to the channels under the tank?

(*e*) Has any attention been paid to the grievances of the raiyats under the tank in respect of water supply.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 4,416 acres.

(*b*) The capacity of the tank is 11,994 units and is more than sufficient to irrigate the atchkat.

(*c*) About Rs. 1,855 per annum from 1921-22 to 1923-24.

(*d*) About Rs. 23,969-4-4 since 1914-15 to 1923-24.

(*e*) Government are not aware of any complaints in this respect.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

With reference to the above answer will the Government be pleased to state the annual income from acreage under the tank?

First Member.—

It is not possible to give the exact acreage assessment under the tank without looking into the records. Everybody in the village knows what the *atchkat* under the tank is and the assessment collected thereon. Government have no information on these points ready at hand.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

When was the capacity of the tank measured?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

The capacity was measured when the tank was constructed.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

Is it not measured whenever the tank is repaired?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

It is not always possible to do so.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

Were any remissions granted to raiyats holding lands under the tank?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

No; no representations have been received in this behalf.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

Are the Government aware that the capacity of the tank is not sufficient for cultivation and that the tank has silted up?

First Member.—

The capacity of the tank is sufficient for the *achkat* but the difficulty is that it does not fill for want of rain.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

Are the Government aware that the tank is in disrepair and that no steps have been taken to repair it?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

The Government have received no complaints in regard to it.

Mr. Basettiappa.—

Can the details about expenditure in regard to repairs to tank and to feeder channels be furnished separately?

Dewan.—

If they are asked for, they will be furnished.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

With reference to answer to (d), will the Government be pleased to state whether the public works officers have inspected the *achkat* with a view to see if the capacity of the feeder channels is sufficient for the *achkat*, specially as so much as Rs. 24,000 have been spent?

First Member.—

The expenditure shown is for ten years. It is not possible to test capacity every year.

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Does that amount include repairs to the tank also?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

Yes, it includes everything.

MESSRS. C. SUBBA RAO AND A. ANANTHAIYA (Shimoga), MR. SIDDABASAPPA (Shikarpur Taluk).—

Q.—**23.** Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(*a*) The number of minor tanks (talukwar) in the State that have been repaired or restored after the scheme was transferred to the Department of Public Works.

(*b*) The number of tanks that breached after the change.

(*c*) The number of tanks that were repaired or restored when the scheme was worked by the Revenue Department.